

Mr. Freeman delivered a very interesting and informative paper which has been circulated to all Councillors.

It was evident that the growth of the N.S.W. Federation has been due to the promotion and the services now extended to their members. These must be attributed in no small way to the manner in which Mr. Freeman has carried out his duties.

Many points were brought forward and a free and informative discussion took place.

Mr. Freeman also stated that his Federation had adopted the attitude that their state federation must come first and that while they support the Co-operative Federation of Australia the federal body will only be a strong and viable proposition if each state federation is active and has the full support of the state co-operatives.

C.F.A. Constitution:As this question is on the Agenda of the next C.F.A. Council Meeting a discussion took place and it was felt that some technical amendments were desirable and agreed that draft recommendations should be drawn up. In regard to direct membership and collection of fees by C.F.A., it was felt that this should not be accepted without reference to state federations and not even then unless the authority and standing of the state federations are preserved.

Financial Statement:

The following statement was received:

Bank Account	\$3,282.09
Y.C.W. Deposit	\$5,000.00

Educational Program:

The proposed course in conjunction with Department of Primary Industry and the Kellogg Foundation was discussed but even though Victoria did not indicate any interest in the project it was felt that there may have been some interest if the full details and costs could have been distributed to the individual co-operatives.

Date of Next  
Meeting:

29th May, 1978

Vote of Thanks:

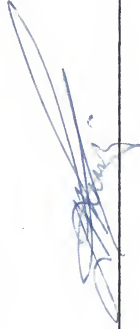
Mr. K. Currey expressed our appreciation to Mr. B. Freeman for his attendance and the information he so freely shared with us. Appreciation was also extended to the Council of the Co-operative Federation of New South Wales for allowing Mr. Freeman to attend our meeting.

Mr. Freeman acknowledged the vote of thanks and offered his further assistance if he could help in any way.

Close:

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45 pm.

Confirmed:

  
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